

Commercial.

THE SHARE MARKET.

September 10th.

Business in the local Share Market during the past three days has been more extensive and more important than for many months past, and there is every appearance that the transactions arranged in the various stocks were generally of a solid and reliable character. Nobody seems to know reliably what particular cause has boomed up the Hongkong Bank's shares until they actually reached this forenoon 105 per cent. premium and continue in demand at that rate, although mysterious whispers about big orders from London, and good news from somewhere else have been circulating amongst the inflated. It is, of course, gratifying to see so much confidence shown in Banks, especially as that confidence has a favorable influence on other local stocks, but we are unable to quite see any substantial reason for believing that the present rate will be maintained for any length of time. A jump from 75 to 105 per cent. premium within the short space of ten days as the alleged result of legitimate investments is a somewhat big camel to swallow, and perhaps a quiet hint to our readers to "go slow" may not be out of place. China Traders have been bought and sold at 60, and additional shares could be placed at that figure. Cansons and China Fires have also been invested in at annexed quotations, and both stocks are firm. There was considerable inquiry for Steamboats yesterday and shares are reported to have changed hands at 28. Some transactions in Douglas Steams at 36 were fixed up, and further shares are still wanted. Docks were done at 73, but very few shares were available at that price. Next to Banks the sensation of the hour has been Funjoms, which have been taken up rapidly at rates varying from \$1.50 to \$3.50, but no very large number of shares has been secured by would-be buyers, holders very wisely in our opinion, declining to sell on a rising market. The reason for an improvement in this stock is easily enough understood, and now that the falls mine is once again in the Company's hands and under Mr. Blamey's experienced and practical management, it won't take long before the shareholders will have definite results one way or the other. Hongkong Land Investments have been taken up at \$5, \$6, and \$7, and are decidedly in better odour than of late. The Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s scrip has also been inquired after, and a few sales were booked at 47. Charbonnages are stationary at 115, and in other stocks nothing requires special reference.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—105 per cent. prem. sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—\$6.00, paid up, 40 per cent. div. sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sellers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$34, buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$18 buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—B—2 per cent. prem. sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—C—2 per cent. prem. buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—14 per cent. prem. buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$87 per share, sales and buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$60 per share, sales and buyers.
North China Insurance—71.50 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$98 per share, sales and buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—71.50 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$32.50 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$35 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$38.50, sales and buyers.
China and Malacca Steam Ship Company—25 per share, sales and buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—45 per cent. discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$36 per share, sales and buyers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—par, nominal.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$73 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, Hongkong Hotel Company—\$23, ex. div. buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$81.
The Anchor Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.
The Shamone Hotel Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.
Funjom and Single Doo Samantia Mining Co.—\$35.50, per share, sales and buyers.
The Rabbit Gold Mining Co., Limited—30 cents per share, prem.
New Island Mining Co., Limited—80 cents per share, sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$115 per share, sellers.
The Jelabo Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sales and buyers.
The Siam Tin Mining Co., Limited—5 cents per share, sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$3 sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$130 per share, sales and buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 per share, buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
Dakin, Crickbank & Co., Limited—\$31 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$7, sales and buyers.
The West Point Building Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$17 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$47 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$55 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$102 per share, sellers.
Mongkong Ice Company—\$47 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$35 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$40 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE

On London—Bank, 1. T. 2/9
Bank Bills, on demand 2/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/9
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/9
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/9
On Paris—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/46
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/56
On India—
T. T. 2/25
On Demand 2/25
On Shanghai—
Bank, T. T. 7/21
Private, 30 days' sight 7/21

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Botchett, Mr. Robbins.
Mr. & Mrs. A. Cadby, Mr. H. Home-Robbery.
Mr. J. David, Mr. F. E. Shera.
Mr. O. Harkey, Mr. J. M. Sreet.
Mr. J. Kirkwood, Mr. J. Tamet.
Mr. & Mrs. Millar, Mr. W. Tara.
Mr. F. J. Mitchell, Mr. O. Weber.
Rev. J. M. Morton, S.A. Mr. W. Woog.
Mr. J. Laute, Capt. W. S. Wyles.
Surgeon-Major Robbins.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAR HOTEL.

Mr. Beever, Mr. F. W. Majland.
Capt. S. J. Butcher, Mr. F. Matland.
Mr. Chabrier, Mr. W. R. Needham.
Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Cottam, Mrs. Parker & children.
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. children.
Farmer and child, Mr. & Mrs. Perkins.
Mr. Chas. Grant, Mrs. Rodgers & children.
Mr. W. E. van Epa, Mr. Spoor.
Mr. W. S. Harrison, Mr. F. Smyth.
Mr. Thomas Howard, Mr. Geo. L. Tomlin.
Mr. Norton Jones, Mr. H. P. Toeker.
Mr. V. Kolof.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.
The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco, via Honolulu, left Yokohama on the 6th instant, and is expected here on the 11th.
The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama on the 27th ultimo.
The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Capella*, mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama on the 6th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 31st ultimo for Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai, and Hongkong.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Aravalli* from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here to-day.
The India-China steamer *Chudra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore at 6 p.m. on the 8th instant, and is due here on the 15th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *DeWavong*, from Tacoma, left Yokohama on the 2nd instant, and is due here on the 9th.
The "Mogul" steamer *Argyll* left Singapore on the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 11th.
The "United" steamer *Colinet* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 5th instant, and is due here on the 11th.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thibet*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 7th instant at 11.30 a.m., and may be expected here on the 13th.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bombay* left London for this port on the 21st ultimo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Lancaster, 9th Sept.—Shanghai 7th Sept, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, H. Bathurst, 10th Sept.—Tientsin 4th Sept, Amoy 8th, and Swatow 9th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
TELEGRAPH, British steamer, 1,151, Jackson, 10th Sept.—Shanghai, Amoy 9th Sept, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
ROBERTA, British steamer, 5,939, C. Gadd, 10th Sept.—London 28th July, and Singapore 5th Sept, Malle and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
SWATOW, German steamer, 631, C. Blage, 10th Sept.—Hohow 9th Sept, General.—A. R. Marty.
CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
HAIKONG, French steamer, for Hoihow, &c. *Taiyeh*, German steamer, for Chiofo.
GLANARY, British steamer, for Shanghai.
FRIED, German str., for Yokohama and Kobe.
YUNNANG, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
GOE, Gen. Jacob, Dutch str., for Singapore, &c.
CHIOFO, British steamer, for Port Darwin, &c.
BORNIAD, Italian steamer, for Singapore, &c.
SUNGKANG, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
MEINUTRI, British steamer, for Shanghai.
YONG-CHING, Chinese steamer, for Ningspo.

DEPARTURES.

September 10, *Ethiope*, British str., for Taku.
September 10, *Atho*, Danish str., for Hoihow.
September 10, *Dreier*, German steamer, for Karata.
September 10, *Proter*, German steamer, for Newchwang.
September 10, *Mactaf*, British str., for Singapore and New York.
September 10, *Empress of India*, British str., for Shanghai and Vancouver.
September 10, *Aden*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
September 10, *Glanary*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
September 10, *Prich*, German str., for Yokohama and Kobe.
September 10, *Yong-ching*, Chinese str., for Canton.
September 10, *Yong-ching*, Chinese steamer, for Ningspo.
September 10, *Tekemon*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
September 10, *Malacca*, British steamer, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Formosa*, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Rev. G. Reusch, Mr. Dalby, and 128 Chinese.
Per *Fushun*, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong—6 Chinese.
Per Canton—33 Chinese.
Per *Yamou* str., from Shanghai, &c.—Mr. Wilson.
Per *Robert*, str., from London for Hongkong.—Captain Mitchell, Captain H. B. Wellman, and Mr. Phillips.
From Bombay—Messrs. R. Vaisry, N. Mahomed, & J. David.
From Peking—Capt. Chan Tye Meay, Chan Gush, Leon Fren, O. Weber, and 69 Chinese.
From Peking for Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Dalton and 3 children.
From Singapore—Mr. W. A. Cadby.

DEPARTED.
Per *Empress of India*, str., for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Chong Tung Sung, Messrs. Hung Mak Hoi and Chang Long Hui, For Kobe—Messrs. T. Yamamoto and Why Co. Sing.
For Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Barradas and child, and Mr. J. P. Mackintosh.
For Vancouver—Messrs. J. H. and M. Dym.
For Montreal—Mrs. Kenzie.
For Calcutta—Mr. F. M. de Rivis.
For New York—Mr. F. M. de Rivis.
For Boston—Miss Lay Hing.
For Peking—Mr. Chiu She.
For London—Mr. and Mrs. Weber, Messrs. F. Belfield, Renalle, and G. H. Potts.

REPORTS.
The British steamship *Tekemon* reports that she left Shanghai, and Amoy on the 9th instant. Had fine weather with light winds veering from south-south-east to north-north-west and light south-east swell.

The Chinese steamship *Fushun* reports that she left Shanghai on the 7th instant. From Shanghai to Tientsin had strong wind from north-east with a high confused sea, sky deeply overcast and threatening looking. From Tientsin to Hongkong had moderate north-east wind and fine weather.

The British steamship *Formosa* reports that she left Tamsui on the 4th instant. Amoy on the 8th, and Swatow on the 9th. Had light variable winds and fine weather throughout. From Swatow to Hongkong had heavy south-east swell. In Amoy the steamship *Changchew*, *Chiao*, and *Yun*. In Swatow the steamships *Estang*, *Whampoa*, *Wangang*, and *Nanyang*.

The British steamship *Robert* reports that she left London on the 28th July, and Singapore on the 5th instant. Experienced light and moderate south-west monsoon and fine weather to Charlotte Bank; thence to lat. 12° north and long 111° 15' east; had strong monsoon with heavy squalls of wind and rain and high quarterly sea. From there to Hongkong had light winds and fair weather. On the 10th instant passed on bark showing L.R.G.O., bound southward, in lat. 8° 50' north and long. 109° 20' east.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Hoihow and Hoihow.—Per *Haihow* tomorrow, the 11th instant, 9 A.M.
For Canton.—Per *Powen* to-morrow, the 11th instant, 9 A.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Formosa* on Monday, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Robert* on Monday, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Saigon.—Per *Independence* on Monday, the 13th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 5th Sept.—Pakhoi 2nd Sept, and Hoihow 4th, General.—Wilder & Co.
ARRATON, British steamer, 1,392, J. E. Hansen, 8th Sept.—Canton 21st Aug., and Singapore and Swatow 21st Aug., and General.—D. Laprak & Co.
BATAVIA, Dutch steamer, 1,490, H. Klein, 9th Sept.—Batavia 31st Aug., Sugar.—Jarvis, Matheson & Co.
BORNIAD, Italian steamer, 1,499, P. Sushil, 2nd Sept.—Bombay 15th Aug., and Singapore 27th, General.—Carlowitz & Co.
CHARPES, British steamer, 1,905, A. Murray, 6th Sept.—Kutchin 1st Sept, and General.—D. Laprak & Co.
CHIOFO, British steamer, 661, J. R. Hill, 12th Aug.—Tacoma 14th July, General.—Dedwell, Carill & Co.
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It appears that the object of the adoption of the eight hours movement in Lancashire is to restrict the production of mills. The masters are showing no readiness to work short time.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* telegraphs that the Russian officials of the Trans-Caspian provinces have been directed by the Government to receive hospitably the rebel refugees from Afghanistan. The Amir of Bokhara has also issued similar orders to his officials.

Mr. Mundella, in speaking at Sheffield yesterday, said that new taxation would possibly be necessary, but would not affect the industry of the country. The Government, he said, would never abandon free trade.

In the cricket match between Surrey and Lancashire, the latter were beaten by seven wickets, and in the match between Somerset and Middlesex the latter were beaten by seventy runs.

Lord Ribblesdale has been appointed Master of the Buckhounds.
Cholera has broken out at Havre and there are suspicions of the disease having appeared at Antwerp.

The death is announced of General De Foa, aged, ex-President of Brazil.

August 25th.
Sir W. Harcourt has been re-elected for Derby by a majority of nearly five thousand over Mr. Atkinson, the Conservative candidate.

Yesterday's *Telegraph* publishes an article in which the circumstances are narrated under which Mr. Labouchere was excluded from the Ministry. The article states that an emissary from Mr. Gladstone came to Mr. Labouchere and explained that it was necessary to consider the wishes of the monarch in a monarchical country and that Mr. Labouchere was one of Mr. Gladstone's difficulties in this connection.

The emissary suggested that Mr. Labouchere should write a letter in which he should state that he had no wish to join the Government. Mr. Labouchere refused to comply with this suggestion, and concluded from the negotiations that the Queen had objected to him holding office. It was owing to this belief that the positive report to that effect, which is now questioned, was published. Meanwhile, no explanation has yet been offered regarding Mr. Gladstone's action in the matter.

Truth, in a further article, scathingly attacks the formation of the new Cabinet; which, it says, is a "gang of the old gang of Reactionaries and Goldenstones."

The *Times* of today in an article regarding the position on the Afghan frontier says that, apart from the request made to the Viceroy of India by the Amir for assistance, the British Government will doubtless give Russia to explain the encounter between Colonel Yanoff's force and the Afghans in a proper manner.

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The Governor of Tennessee declares that he will have the ringleaders shot.

Three thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Tiberias, in Russia, have died from cholera. The town has been deserted.

Five thousand persons died from cholera in Russia generally on the 11th instant.

The agitation in India over the silver question is increasing. The apparent supineness of the Government is giving rise to grave dissatisfaction.

The Currency Association urges the Secretary of State for India to cable permission to the local Government to adopt a gold standard.

In reference to objections urged by the merchants of Berlin, the Emperor William has shelved the proposal to hold an International Exhibition in Berlin in 1900.

The programme of the Trades Union Congress, to be held on 5th September, includes a proposal to hold an international congress on the eight hours question, a subject to be taken as to whether eight hours should be optional or made compulsory by statutory legislation.

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A Parliamentary Bluebook has been issued embodying the correspondence which has taken place with Queensland on the question of the resumption of the kanaka traffic.

Sir Henry Norman, the Governor, on the 23rd May wrote to the Home Government expressing the opinion that abuses in the traffic would be very rare indeed, and if committed they would be detected. The opposition to the traffic, he says, is mainly confined to the clergy and the trades unions. Employment in Queensland, he adds, is very popular among the Islanders.

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A GROWL FROM THE BATH-HOUSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
DEAR SIR,—The stagnation of the thick and constant supply of frothy and insubstantial contents of the sewer which is right opposite the Bath-House is due to the filling up of the Praya Reclamation. It has had the effect of altering the course of the tide, and consequently the place is simply unfit for human beings to bathe in.

When some time ago an article on the disgraceful state of the Bath-House appeared in your columns, I, with many others, hoped that it would have a salutary effect on the Committee who, we fully expected, would take steps to ensure the discontinuance of the accumulation of rubbish and floating debris that are at once a nuisance and a source of danger to the unfortunate members who do not possess ample means to allow of their frequenting other summer resorts for their daily dip, but I am sorry to state that up to the present, nothing has been done to remedy the crying evil.

No excuse can be brought forward on behalf of the Committee, whose supineness and utter disregard of the requirements of the members do not reflect very great credit on their management.

Surely, the Government, if approached in a proper manner, would not object to the erection of a new Bath-House off the Praya Reclamation, when it is a question of the health of about five hundred members of the European community being at stake.

Probably the Committee feel disinclined to move in the matter owing to the financial straits of the Club, but that difficulty could be easily overcome by raising the subscription for 1893 to \$5, a course that is not likely to meet with any opposition from the members themselves.

If once the sanction of the Government were obtained for the proposed site, the construction of the new Bath-House should immediately be proceeded with in order to get it ready for next season.

I sincerely hope the powers that be will accept the suggestion in the spirit it is offered, for I have no doubt the new Bath-House would attract a great deal of new comers and prove a great boon to the community.

Yours truly,
A DISGUSTED MEMBER.
Hongkong, September 10th, 1892.

THE ST. LEGER.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—In giving the result of the race for the St. Leger in last night's *Telegraph* you give Baron de Hirsch as the owner of the winner (La Flèche) and of the third (W. Terebra). This morning's *Daily Press* makes Baron de Rothschild owner of both horses, and the same day's *Extra* says that he would seem that Baron de Rothschild owned La Flèche and Baron de Rothschild owned W. Terebra.

You can't all be right, so kindly state which paper's description is the correct one.

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INTERESTED.
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[That published in the *Telegraph*, both La Flèche and W. Terebra, were the property of Baron de Hirsch, and were trained by John Porter at Knaptoe, who, as everybody knows, is also the trainer of Orme. As La Flèche, won the One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket and the Oaks at Epsom in Baron de Hirsch's colours, even *Granny* should have made no mistake as to her ownership; however, our contemporaries blunder away owing to the fact that La Flèche and W. Terebra would appear from *Ruff's Guide* to have been nominated for the St. Leger by Baron de Rothschild.—Ed. *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR CHINA.
Per P. and O. steamer *Britannia*, from London, August 24th.—To Shanghai: Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. McKee, Mr. Turner. From Brindisi.—To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tong.

Per P. and O. steamer *Carthage*, from London, Sept. 1st.—To Yokohama: Miss Lamb. To Shanghai: Miss Cumber, Mrs. Macfarlane, Miss Smith, Miss Macey, Mr. Maun, Dr. Brenner, Mr. Pritchard. From Brindisi.—To Hongkong: Mr. V. Deacon.

Per P. and O. steamer *Thames*, from London, Sept. 8th.—To Yokohama: Lady Mabel Fitzgerald, Lady Nesta Fitzgerald.

Per P. and O. steamer *Victoria*, from London, Sept. 16th.—To Shanghai: Mr. Elvare, Mr. Birrell, Mr. and Mrs. Bagnall and two children. To Hongkong: Mr. Penzance and two children. To Manila: J. M. Beattie.

Per P. and O. steamer *Oceanic*, from London, Sept. 30th.—To Shanghai: Mrs. A. Lawrence. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley and child, Mrs. Aldred and two children, Mrs. Dalrymple, Miss Young and Mr. T. Wright.

Per P. and O. steamer *Sully*, from London, Oct. 6th.—To Yokohama: Miss Andrea, Miss Vigers. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

Per P. and O. steamer *Arctica*, from London, Oct. 14th.—To Shanghai: Mr. F. G. Cockery. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Sandeman, Miss J. E. Clarke, Miss J. Clarke, Miss Bushell, Miss Fletcher.

Per P. and O. steamer *Roma*, from London, Oct. 28th.—To Yokohama: Mrs. Kirkce. To Shanghai: Dr. and Mrs. Hart, Dr. Walton, Miss Harris, Miss Harris, Miss Thornborough, Dr. Galloway. To Hongkong: Mrs. A. B. Johnson and three children, Rev. G. Williams, Miss Carling, Miss Parlow.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Saghalien*, from Marseilles, August 24th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Shimpell, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Okaba.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Calcutta*, from Marseilles, Sept. 4th.—To Shanghai: Mr. Runge. To Hongkong: Mr. J. van Vliet, Mr. F. Egerman, Mr. and Mrs. Borel.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Oriz*, from Marseilles, Sept. 18th.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and child, Mr. H. Bell, Mr. Macleod.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Natal*, from Marseilles, October 2nd.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Buchhalter, Mr. and Mrs. de Bui.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yarra*, from Marseilles, October 30th.—To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Achroyd.

MORE TROUBLE UP THE YANGTZE.
FRIGHTFUL MORTALITY FROM CHOLERA.
The Hankow correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date August 30th:—

At Fan-shen, 400 miles from Hankow on the Yang River, the cholera is raging to a fearful extent and hundreds are dying daily by evilly disposed persons, hater of foreigners, have spread the malicious report that some Chinese are travelling round, in the pay of the Europeans, poisoning all the wells and the rivers; hence the awful number of deaths. Consequently all

strangers are put in prison, and many have had their heads cut off and entrails and hearts thrown into the river to propitiate the river god. Fears are entertained for the safety of a Rev. Mr. Lund, who is on his way to the Swedish Mission, in returning to Hankow as it is known he will not, unless he gets the letters sent to warn him, be in the troubled districts. If he passes through the city the chances are he will be killed.

The China and Japan Mission are supposed to be all right at Fan-shen, or to have left for safer places. From Chen-tu, near Ichang, a missionary writes and says during the last few days over 500 coffins passed out through the city gates.

From less than 200 miles from here news has been received that a Russian Catholic church has been pulled down by rioters, but no attacks on priests or missionaries are reported up to today. Still up river there seems to be the beginning of future disturbances, but as the *Red Ice* is at Ichang, and two men-of-war here, we can only trust in providence and prudence.

SHANGHAI RACING NOTES.
The reunion of the sporting clans on the 1st inst. was hardly as successful a gathering as it usually is the heat reminding one very forcibly of an early day in August instead of the beginning of September.

The coffee book however by 6.30 showed a fair sprinkling of names, but the appearance of the book was not without interest. The book had started in on a hard day's work, quickly thinned the attendance. The training during the three days has been on a very moderate pattern, and has been continued on the lines mentioned in my last notes. It surprises me from what I see on my way down to the course, that there are not more ponies lame from being exercised on the road before it is properly dry.

Why owners should run such risks with their animals when the inside track is in such good order, I cannot understand.

On Saturday on the course there was just sufficient galloping to remind one that it was the last day in the week, but it was chiefly confined to short distances at half speed, and it was hardly worth while to start the clock. Vagrant and Flatcatcher went for a distance, the last half-mile being done in very good form, both ponies at the finish pulling double. Royalty's action, trotting, was freer than I have ever seen him show. I regret I cannot say the same for his galloping, about three weeks ago he was moving in his old form, but since then he has lost flesh considerably behind, and at present although he is of course still out of all condition he is not the Royalty that was the Leger. The owners of Royalty have a fast pony in their kept-over brown who moved in slashing style, though rather high. In looking the pony over after the gallop I was not very favourably impressed with his make and shape, but he has a right good head and a good neck.

The ponies from Mr. Sassoon's stable, chiefly galloped five furlongs. Why this distance? Is there luck in odd numbers? Here's last quarter was the fastest part of his gallop, but at the finish he was sprawling a good deal. Lightning, if anything, showed improvement, but Zephyr's movements did not merit the approval of those at the rails. Of Mr. Ring's crowd, *Elton* romped away in facile style almost pulling the rest of the field as he went. The winner of the first order I should think Orange Peel might be put on the shelf. "Mr. Monkey" on "Bend giffin" was evidently anxious to catch the eye of a likely purchaser, and although the pony galloped in fairly good form I noticed he hung out signals of distress when passing the stand. An importation from Hankow out of the Ewo stable looked all over a good money, it is to be another day for Hankow. I am glad to hear that Bold Heart has got well over his attack of colic, though so far he is still on the walking list.

I have it on good authority that sixty griffins are on their way from Tientsin in the *El Dorado*, a steamer that is not a steamer, but a steamer in great demand there, the mob is almost sure to have been sampled, with the arrival of this contingent we may fairly consider that the ball will be set rolling. At the meeting of the Stewards on Saturday evening I saw the list of the names of the ponies to close on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312th, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 3

